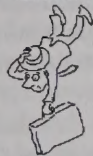




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# CLIFF HANGERS



Volume I

Once again it's time for the big event of the year. The FWRC Hamfest. The Hamfest will be held Saturday September 7th at the Allen Co Fairgrounds. This is the main event that fuels the operation of the club throughout the year. It takes the hard work of many to get the job done. We will be recruiting volunteers by phone. If you can only volunteer for 10 minutes it will give someone else an opportunity to take a break. This years Hamfest chairman is Dave Beltz KF9DE. Table sales are being handled by Bill and Becky Stockslager. If you need a table or know of someone who does please contact Bill or Becky at 471-5492. Everyone pulling together will make this years Hamfest a great success.

Have you ever watched the television show Rescue 911. For some it's exciting for some it's to traumatic. The same type of emergencies happen right here in Ft Wayne. This months meeting of the FWRC will host Ft. Wayne Police Depts. 911 dispatcher Randy Repole. Randy will be speaking about Ft. Wayne's emergency communications department and how the 911 system works. Randy will reflect on some actual 911 calls. This should be a very interesting program. Don't miss out on Ft. Wayne's own version of Emergency 911! Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

The FWRC meeting location is going to be changed due to an excessive rate increase at our current location. It was voted unanimously at last months meeting that we move due to the excessive rate increase. Notification of our new location will be given at this months meeting. I encourage you to attend this months meeting and become informed.

The FWRC was extended an opportunity and we took them up on it. The opportunity was to be in the Harlen Days Festival parade. It sounded like a fun time and it was. It started out on Friday night Aug 5th when the first FWRC float was constructed. Jim Pliett K9OMA loaned us a trailer and it was up to us to decorate it. Soon afterwards with the help of KB9DOT and KB9DOS, N9NRO, N9VZJ and KB9IST the

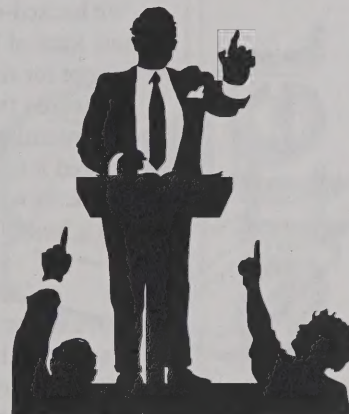
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Friday  
August 16, 1996  
7:30pm  
Salem Church

float was looking pretty spiffy'. The float was covered with carpet and skirting. The float was set up to resemble an actual amateur radio station complete with radio equipment and beam antenna. On the back of the float was a large banner reading "76 YEARS OF SERVICE". What else? How about adding Chuckles the clown to ride along. And to make things even better our float was pulled by N9NRO's 3 wheeled tri-muter car. We had a great time. Dave Evan's kids carried the official FWRC banner proudly out in front as we cruised through the parade route. Thanks to all who participated. We had a great time. The Harlen Days celebration attracts

over 100,000 from Harlen, Grabill, Leo and surrounding areas. Next year will be there 50th anniversary, and we'll be back. Well, that about wraps it up for this months Cliff Hanger. 73 and I'll see you on the radio.

Saloon for Now,

Cliffie N9MKB



## July 1996 Minutes

*The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:*

FT. WAYNE RADIO CLUB  
MINUTES JULY, 1996

The July meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held 19 July, 1996 at the Salem Church of Christ. El Presidente Cliff Shreve presided, and there were about 25 people present.

The June minutes were read and there were no corrections.

Treasurer Carl Rittenhouse provided a summary of the financial

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status of the club.

As of 19 July, 1996 the General Account held a balance of \$5375.92 which included \$651.59 in the Ladies Account. The Hamfest Account held a balance of \$794.76, and the Repeater Account held a balance of \$2354.44.

Cliff noted that this years Field Day was once again a success. We backed-off on the contest focus and kind of laid back this year, except for the food! Jean Anderson organized the eats, and Ron Dose first recruited the hog, and then cooked it to perfection. Cliff said that 95 meals were served and there was not a hint of pork left over.

Cliff announced that the move of the 146.94 machine, from it's present location in the elevator machinery room at Parkview to a new location within the building better suited to accommodate the electronics, is underway. He also noted that the repeater maintenance crew has determined that the antenna harness for the .94 machine is bad. It was causing a 10:1 VSWR which no doubt contributed to problems that the .94 machine has experienced of late. A new harness is on order.

Dave Beltz reported that plans for the Hamfest are on track. We must start signing up help for the numerous jobs that make the day of the Hamfest a success. This includes tasks such as Friday set-up, Parking, Front Gate ticket sales, etc. Dave will be making a lot of phone calls between now and the Hamfest to solicit YOUR help. He noted that the Hamfest is THE event that generates income for the club. It helps make the Spring Banquet, the Christmas Party, and other events possible. Without club member support, it will not succeed.

Cliff announced that Carl Rittenhouse had received a letter from the Salem Church of Christ notifying us that they had increased the fee for use of the church from the present \$30 per meeting to a new rate of \$75 per meeting effective August, 1996. A show of hands indicated that the new rate was considered to be too high. Therefore, Cliff requested that a committee be formed to research a new meeting place that might have a lower fee. Bill Hall volunteered to serve on the committee as did Kris and Carla Staller. Additional members are welcome.

With the addition of the Murphy Repeater to the club's repertoire of machines, it was appropriate to add reference to Murphy to the new FWRC banner. So Kim and Jim Machamer have taken it to our banner contractor (Carl Thomas) to have ".34/.94" added.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, featured speaker Capt. Dave Phillips of the Ft. Wayne Fire Department presented a program on Home Fire Safety.

Respectively submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

## Old Tyme Chatter

Wm. Thomas, Essuire. KE9T called and advised me his limo would be in my area to pickup FWDX members who wished to attend the dinner meeting. K9UWA, John would tell about his operating from Arubia. You will be able to

hear this first hand when John gives the program for the FWRC.

A surprise for the evening was visit by a long time member Lamar W9LT who has accepted a Golden Parachute from Mannavox. He is now paying the power bills by doing consulting.

Lamar was able to answer one of my "back in the corner" questions. "What is the latest status of Dr. Miller who presented many rare DX bogus operations in the early days?" Lamar advised that Dr. Miller whose first name and call I am unable to recall, was a psychiatrist and an excellent CW operator. His scam was operating using a call of some rare DX as he sailed around the world, and not being at that location. When he was exposed as a "Slim," the ARRL changed their requirements for being rare DX and installed difficult guidelines that must be adhered too, before being accepted by the DXCC Desk.

Lamar told us about working Miller. He called with many other's. After a bit Miller retuned and gave a call with a report, asking stations to standby. He then continued to give additional calls and reports, before saying he was ready to accept additional calls.

Dr. Miller is presently serving time in a CA prison for murder and is scheduled to be released soon.

A new member was voted on and accepted. The established pattern for voting on new members was changed some years ago. Prior to the change, the person being voted on was asked to leave the room, while the members voted. The person was then recalled to the meeting room. This method worked



quite well until a Mr. WmEvans applied for membership. On that evening KB9H left the room and he was voted in as a member. The meeting continued for about one hour, at which time the meeting was closed. In the lobby was KB9H waiting to be recalled.

Have you noticed the cellular phone companies are using a new approach in their placement of dead spot antennas. After encountering many complaints recent placement was made inside an old church steeple which they purchased and rebuilt. Another one was located in a ball park using one of the light banks for concealment.

This past month Esther and I attended services at New Haven for Opal Gephart who departed this earth at the age of 93. Opal was the XYL of Charles Gephart, WSMHE a silent key. Charles was a member of the "Atomic Radio Club of New Haven." He retired as VP in charge of loans at Lincoln Bank. During WW II Opal was a Teletype Operator at the Cased Depot.

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### HISTORY LESSON

The work of these men, and many other similarly great, was eagerly followed and emulated by amateurs hungry for knowledge. For years their progress was slow, crude, and fraught with difficulties. There were few books on the subject of radio. While the American popular magazines continued their interest, publishing 150 articles on wireless telegraphy and 18 on wireless telephony during the years from 1904 to 1909, few of these contained constructional information, and that which was given was of an elementary type.

There was little opportunity for the individual, amateur to keep himself informed on the progress of the art.

The amateur was not alone in his difficulties, however,

Commercial and government applications of wireless telegraphy suffered equally from lack of information and any correlation. The worst problem to be contended with was the competitive jealousy between rival firms. A number of radio firms refused to permit stations employing their apparatus to work with stations using competing apparatus. In an endeavor to control this situation, a preliminary protocol was signed at Berlin on August 13, 1903., by Germany, Austria, Spain, the United States, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy and Russia. This protocol was limited to traffic, between shipboard and coastal stations, and was of only impersonal interest to amateurs.

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73 by WSTC

## Editors Notes

The Hamsplatter has officially changed editors. I would like to thank Kris Staller for the wonderful job he has done through the years as this publications editor. With his other responsibilities and the fact that there will be a new member to the Staller household in the very near future (a.k.a. baby), Kris felt it best to trim some of the present responsibilities he currently has. We wish Kris and Carla all the best with what's yet to come.

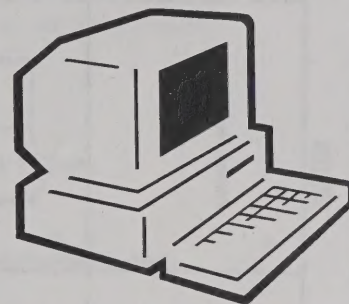
A little information about myself. My name is Todd Hargis (N9XRG). I have been a ham for three years and a member of "The Fort Wayne Radio Club" for the same amount of time. MyYL's name is Carol and I have two children Ashley (age 11) and Shealyn (age9). I am a manager for Goodyear and have several hobbies.

Due to the transition of the Editors job the Hamsplatter is somewhat smaller this month. We thought it better to at least get the Hamsplatter out in an abbreviated form than not at all.



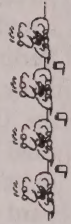
By next month all the bugs should be worked out and things will be running smoothly.

73's,

Todd Hargis, N9XRG©





1996 - Communications Calendar						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Swap net 19:00 Sloppy Code 21:00  Radio de Panama 25th Ann.	<b>2</b>           <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> Hunt. ARES 20:00	<b>4</b> Whitley ARES 19:15 21 Repeater Group 21:00	<b>5</b>  Foxtrot Net 19:00	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hunt. ARES 20:00 N. Amer Sprint, CW LZ DX > All Asian DX Phone >  Summit City Hamfest
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Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

(Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time GMT-5 hours)

[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

**NET FREQS:** TNT 146.76 | Murphy Swap 146.94 | Sloppy Code 7.1405 | Huntington ARES 146.685 | Whitley ARES 444.550 w/ 146.46 simplex link (WCARC net Sunday 19:45 on same frequency)

21 Repeater Group 147.150 | Foxtrot FM/AM 29.100 SSB 28.405 | Daily Nets: Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 19:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 18:30 | Auburn 147.360 18:00  
Mobile Ten SSB/CW 28.400 Saturday 19:00



For Sale:

- 60 A tower on ground & ready to go
- 4 element 10 meter beam(1 element broken)
- hygain 6 meter beam (All items negotiable) ClaudeN9RDZ 745-7401 (after5:30pm)
- Icom IC-281H 2m FM XCVR base/mobile 50 watt, mint condition. Receives 440-450 MHz. Set for 9600 baud packet. Manuals. \$345.00 Bill Kindred WA9RAP 485-8044
- wanted SB220 manual / copy Kevin 490-7312

Visit the Fort Wayne Radio Club on the Net!

Address: <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/n9xrg/radio.htm>

Do you have an interesting article or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you might want to sell? If so please contact me Todd Hargis, N9XRG at 749-5672 (leave message and phone number if no answer).

## September Hamsplatter Deadline: September 1, 1996

Membership Data: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to the address below)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class:   N     T     G     A     AE  

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we list your address and phone number in the membership roster   Y     N  

Are you presently an ARRL member   Y     N  

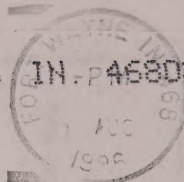
Membership Term:	(Jan - Dec)	(Jul - Dec)	
Family Membership:	<u>      </u> \$21.00yr	<u>      </u> \$10.50yr	immediate family (list all callsigns)
Regular Membership:	<u>      </u> \$15.00yr	<u>      </u> \$7.50yr	licensed member
Student Membership:	<u>      </u> \$6.00yr	<u>      </u> \$3.00yr	full time student
Associate Membership:	<u>      </u> \$15.00yr	<u>      </u> \$7.50yr	unlicensed member
Your Check Number _____ Please pay by check. It's easier for both of us.			

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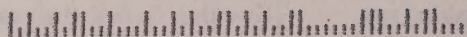
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